



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF JASPER

Date: 12/19/25

I, Detective Ian Allard , knowing that **false statements on this form are punishable by law**, state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on 12/19/25 at 320 S Wall Ave, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, JODY CHRISTINE RAGAN, a white female, committed one or more criminal offense(s) of
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569.04 - ARSON 1ST DEGREE

Name: JODY CHRISTINE RAGAN
5019 COUNTY LN 264 UNIT 10C, JOPLIN, MO 64801

Arrested: 12/19/25 06:10 (☐ NOT IN CUSTODY)

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12/19/2025 Jody Ragan ignited a door at 320 S Wall Ave, Apt 602, Joplin, Mo. 320 S Wall Ave is a multi-family apartment complex. The door had two points of ignition, indicating she had tried to light the door on fire twice. During an interview, Ragan would admit to standing at the door at the specific location that the fire was lit. She said she activated the flame on her lighter repeatedly over the course of 10 minutes. I located text messages on her phone indicating that she had been outside the victim's door for 20 to 30 minutes, which would have been long enough for her to create an ember in the door. The multiple points of ignition on the door indicate that she lit the fire in multiple places, which shows a purpose and intention to her behavior. During the interview, Ragan said that she did not remember purposefully lighting the door on fire, but believed it was possible that she had lit the door on fire with her lighter because it was damaged. Lionel Hill was inside of apartment 602 when Ragan ignited the door.

3. **MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES:** (If seeking a warrant) I am requesting issuance of an arrest warrant based on the following:

☒ I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

☒ I believe that the defendant poses a danger to ☒ a crime victim / ☐ the community or to any other person because: Ragan appears to have lit the fire as retribution against the victim for alleged sexual abuse against her and her family.

Print Name: Detective Ian Allard Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Allard", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Agency Name: JPD - Joplin Police Department

Agency Case Number: JPD-25-18982

OCN: VU006468